REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending, but claims 20, 21 and 25-47 have been withdrawn from consideration.

I. Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to add a pH range to be consistent with the other independent claims. Claims 1 and 11 have also been amended to correct typographical errors by inserting hyphens in some chemical formulas. It is respectfully submitted no new matter is presented by these amendments.

II. 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-19 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over McCall (US Patent 5,277,899) or Li et al (US Patent No. 5,580,819) each in view of AU 199915321. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

AU199915321 is not prior art because the present independent claims are entitled to the filing date of the parent of the present application. Thus, the rejection is overcome.

AU199915321 appears to be the Australian phase of WO 99/27057 (ATTACHMENT I, esp@cenet printout for WO 99/27057). WO '057 has an international filing date of 20 November 1998 and was published 3 June 1999. WO '057 designated the US but was filed before November 29, 2000. Thus, its earliest effective date as a reference is its publication date of 3 June 1999 (ATTACHMENT II, excerpt from new USPTO guidelines).

US 6,372,708 and 6,528,477 are descendants of WO '057 (ATTACHMENT III, cover pages of the '708 and '477 patents). '708 is a continuation of WO '057 and '477 is a continuation of '708.

The earliest effective 102(e) date as a reference for the descendent US patents is the US '899 filing date of May 18, 2000 according to USPTO guidelines. Although WO '057 claims priority from three provisionals, it does not have a 102(e) date from these provisional application priority dates according to the new USPTO guidelines (ATTACHMENT II, excerpt from new USPTO guidelines).

The present independent claims are entitled to the May 26, 1999 filing date of their parent application USSN 09/318,942. This parent is incorporated by reference. A



true copy of this provisional application is attached (ATTACHMENT IV). Present independent Claims 1, 11 and 12 are supported by the parent application as follows:

Present Claim 1	Support in Parent
1. (Twice Amended) A block	Page 4, line 26
polymer suds stabilizer comprising:	
i) one or more cationic group-containing	Claim 1
units; and	
ii) one or more additional building block	Claim 1
units;	
provided that the block polymer has an	Page 4, lines 18-23 states "The [block]
average cationic charge density of about 5	polymeric material preferably may
or less units per 100 daltons molecular	comprise any material provided the final
weight,	polymers have an average cationic charge
	density of about 0.05 or less per 100
	daltons molecular weight at a pH of from
	about 4 to about 12."
	The 5 of the present Claim 1 is the same as
	the 0.05 of the parent. The 0.05 of the
	parent is a raw decimal whereas the 5 is the
	value of this raw decimal converted to a per
	100 daltons molecular weight basis
	consistent with definitions in the
	applications. The presentation of the 0.05
	in raw decimal form in the parent was an
	inadvertent typographical error as
	explained in paragraphs below this Table.



selected from the group consisting of one	Claim 2
or more units having one or more hydroxyl	
groups, provided that said polymer has a	
Hydroxyl Group Density of about 0.5 or	
less,	
and one or more units having one or more	Claim 3
hydrophobe groups selected from the group	
consisting of non-hydroxyl groups, non-	
cationic groups, non-anionic groups, non-	
carbonyl groups, and/or non-H-bonding	
groups;	
wherein said block polymer comprises a	Claim 8
cationic unit of the formula:	
$ \begin{array}{c c} & R^2 \\ & R^1 \\ & R^2 \\ &$	
$A-(Z)_z$ T [I]	
wherein each of R ¹ , R ² and R ³ are	Claim 8
independently selected from the group	
consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl, and	
mixtures thereof;	
	<u> </u>



consisting of substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched radicals selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano, sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether, carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ³ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; R ¹⁰ is hydrogen, C ₁ -C ₄ alkyl, and Claim 8	T is selected from the group	Claim 8
radicals selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano, sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether, carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O)yR ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	consisting of substituted or unsubstituted,	
of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano, sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether, carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched	
heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano, sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether, carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNS ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O)yR ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	radicals selected from the group consisting	
sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether, carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O)yR ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl,	
carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl, carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carbalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano,	
carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and carbalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether,	
carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof; Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O)yR ¹⁰ Wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl,	
Z is selected from the group consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ₁₀ Claim 8 Claim 8	carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and	
consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof;	
-(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	Z is selected from the group	Claim 8
-(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof; R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	consisting of: -(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-,	
R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	-(CH ₂ -CHOH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-,	
group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	-(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and mixtures thereof;	
alkyl and mixtures thereof; z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the	Claim 8
z is an integer selected from about 0 to about 12; A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	group consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆	
A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	alkyl and mixtures thereof;	
A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: ——(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	z is an integer selected from about 0	Claim 8
each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	to about 12;	1
independently selected from the group consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein	Claim 8
consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are	
alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula: —(R ⁹ O) _y R ¹⁰ wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	independently selected from the group	
$(R^9O)_yR^{10}$ wherein R^9 is C_2 - C_4 linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched	
wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula:	
wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	—(R ⁹ O) _V R10	
alkylene, and mixtures thereof;		
	wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched	Claim 8
R ¹⁰ is hydrogen, C ₁ -C ₄ alkyl, and Claim 8	alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	
	R ¹⁰ is hydrogen, C ₁ -C ₄ alkyl, and	Claim 8



mixtures thereof; and	
y is from 1 to about 10; and	Claim 8
wherein said block polymer has an average	Page 8, lines7-8
molecular weight of from about 35,000 to	
about 750,000 daltons.	

As stated above, the "0.05" of the parent page 4, lines 18-23 was an apparent typographical error and it is not new matter to correct it to "5" as in present claim 1. Thus, the parent application disclosure of about 0.05 or less supports the present recitation of 5 or less. The 0.05 is on a raw decimal basis. However, the raw decimal value should have been multiplied by 100 to equal 5 because it should have been recited on a weight percent basis (or per 100 daltons molecular weight basis).

Page 40 of the parent defines the term "cationic charge density". Page 40, lines 26-27, of the parent states:

"For purposes of the present invention the term "cationic charge density" is defined as "the number of units that are protenated at a specific pH per 100 daltons mass of polymer. (emphasis added)"

Page 41, lines 9-12, of the parent states:

"Herewith the term cationic charge density is defined as the amount of cationic charge on a given polymer, either by permanent cationic groups or via protenated groups, as a **weight percent** of the total polymer at the desired pH. (emphasis added)"

These are two ways to say the same thing because the weight percent is the number of parts per 100 parts.

The present application at page 41, lines 2-5 and 18-21, essentially has the same definitions. Also, present Claim 1 expressly recites the cationic charge density is "per 100 daltons molecular weight."



Thus, the cationic charge density ranges in the specification and claims of the parent and the present application were supposed to be expressed as weight percents (i.e., per 100 daltons molecular weight) rather than raw decimals. However, apparently the cationic charge density ranges in the specification and claims of the parent are expressed as raw decimals. These raw decimals should have been multiplied by 100 to be on the correct weight percent (i.e., per 100 daltons molecular weight) basis according to the definitions in the parent specification.

For example, page 41 of the parent, line 22, calculates:

Cationic Charge Density = 14/(157+116+116+116+72)*50%=0.0132, or 1.32%.

Please note, in this equation the 50% has nothing to do with converting a raw decimal to a weight percent. It merely indicates half the nitrogens in the molecule are protenated.

Likewise, page 41 of the parent, last line, calculates:

Cationic Charge Density = 14/(157+116+116+116)*100%=0.0277, or 2.77%.

Please note, in this equation the 100% has nothing to do with converting a raw decimal to a weight percent. The 100% merely indicates all the nitrogens in the molecule are protenated.

The raw decimals of these calculations on page 41 of the parent fall within ranges listed in the parent specification and claims, but the percentages listed on page 41 of the parent are all outside the claimed range. For example, parent claim 6 recites an average cationic charge density range from about 0.0001 to about 0.05 units per 100 daltons molecular weight.

Thus, it is apparent the ranges for cationic charge density in the specification and claims of the parent application are mistakenly on a raw decimal basis rather than being on a per 100 daltons molecular weight basis according to the definitions. Thus, it is



respectfully submitted it would not be new matter to convert these raw decimal ranges to the correct basis by multiplying them by 100 to be on a per 100 daltons molecular weight basis as was done in the present application to be consistent with the definitions.

Also, the original parent specification at page 41, lines 1-4, says 2 cationic charge units divided by 1028 daltons molecular weight equals a cationic charge density of approximately 0.002 units of cationic charge per 100 daltons molecular weight. This was a mathematical error. 2 cationic charge units/1028 daltons molecular weight = 0.002. However, this equals 0.2 *per 100 daltons molecular weight*. Thus, the disclosed value should have been multiplied by 100. This apparent typographical error was corrected in the present application. Please see the present specification at page 41, second full paragraph which shows a correct calculation wherein 2 cationic charge units divided by 1028 daltons molecular weight equals approximately 0.2 units of cationic charge per 100 daltons.



Present Claim 11.	Support in parent
A block polymer suds stabilizer comprising	Page 4, line 26
at least a first homopolymeric unit	Claim 11
comprising a series of first cationic	·
monomeric units and	
at least a second hompolymeric unit	Claim 11
comprising a series of second polymeric	
units,	
at least said first monomeric units capable	Claim 11
of having a cationic charge at a pH of from	
about 4 to about 12;	
provided that said polymer has an average	Page 4, lines 18-23 of the parent discloses
cationic charge density from about 0.05 to	about 0.0005 and about 0.05 as range
about 5 units per 100 daltons molecular	endpoints at a pH of from about 4 to about
weight at a pH of from about 4 to about 12,	12.
	As explained above, the 0.05 and 5 of the
	present claim are the same as the 0.0005
	and 0.05, respectively, of the parent. The
	0.0005 and 0.05, respectively, of the parent
	are raw decimals which support the present
	range of about 0.05 to about 5 when
	converted to the "per 100 daltons molecular
	weight" basis.
wherein said second polymeric units are	Claim 2
selected from the group consisting of one	
or more units having one or more hydroxyl	
groups, provided that said polymer has a	
Hydroxyl Group Density of about 0.5 or	
less, and	



one or more units having one or more	Claim 3
hydrophobe groups selected from the group	
consisting of non-hydroxyl groups, non-	
cationic groups, non-anionic groups, non-	
carbonyl groups, and/or non-H-bonding	
groups;	
wherein said block polymer comprises a	Claim 8
cationic unit of the formula:	
$ \begin{array}{c c} & R^2 \\ & R^1 \\ & R^2 \\ &$	
$A-(Z)_{z} \stackrel{1}{\frown} I$ [I]	
wherein each of R ¹ , R ² and R ³ are	Claim 8
independently selected from the group	·
consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl, and	
mixtures thereof;	
T is selected from the group	Claim 8
consisting of substituted or unsubstituted,	
saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched	
radicals selected from the group consisting	
of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl,	
heterocyclic ring, silyl, nitro, halo, cyano,	
sulfonato, alkoxy, keto, ester, ether,	
carbonyl, amido, amino, glycidyl,	
carbanato, carbamate, carboxylic, and	
carboalkoxy radicals and mixtures thereof;	
Z is selected from the group consisting of: -	Claim 8
(CH ₂)-, -(CH ₂ -CH=CH)-, -(CH ₂ -CHOH)-,	
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-(CH ₂ -CHNR ⁴)-, -(CH ₂ -CHR ⁵ -O)- and	
mixtures thereof;	
R ⁴ and R ⁵ are selected from the group	Claim 8
consisting of hydrogen, C ₁ to C ₆ alkyl and	
mixtures thereof;	
z is an integer selected from about 0	Claim 8
to about 12;	
A is NR ⁶ R ⁷ or NR ⁶ R ⁷ R ⁸ wherein	Claim 8
each of R ⁶ , R ⁷ and R ⁸ , when present, are	
independently selected from the group	
consisting of H, C ₁ -C ₈ linear or branched	
alkyl, alkyleneoxy having the formula:	
$(R^9O)_yR^{10}$	
wherein R ⁹ is C ₂ -C ₄ linear or branched	Claim 8
alkylene, and mixtures thereof;	
R ¹⁰ is hydrogen, C ₁ -C ₄ alkyl, and	Claim 8
mixtures thereof; and	
y is from 1 to about 10; and	Claim 8
wherein said block polymer has an average	Page 8, lines 7-8
molecular weight of from about 35,000 to	
about 750,000 daltons.	



Present Claim 12	Support in Parent
A block polymer suds stabilizer comprising	Page 4, line 26
at least one homopolymeric block of	Claim 12
monomeric units A and at least one	
member of the group consisting of a	
homopolymeric block of monomeric units	
B and a homopolymeric block of	
monomeric units C	
provided that said polymer has an average	Page 4, lines 18-23 states "The [block]
cationic charge density of at most about 5	polymeric material preferably may
units per 100 daltons molecular weight at a	comprise any material provided the final
pH of from about 4 to about 12; and	polymers have an average cationic charge
	density of about 0.05 or less per 100
	daltons molecular weight at a pH of from
	about 4 to about 12."
	As explained above, the 5 of the present
	Claim 12 is the same as the 0.05 of the
	parent. The 0.05 of the parent is a raw
	decimal whereas the 5 is the value of this
	raw decimal converted to a per 100 daltons
	molecular weight basis consistent with
	definitions in the applications.
wherein said block polymer has an average	Page 8, lines 7-8
molecular weight of from about 35,000 to	
about 750,000 daltons:	



said block of cationic monomeric Claim 12 units A having a Formula I: $-(CH_2-CH_2-R_2)$ wherein R¹ is H or an alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, R² is a moiety selected from the group Claim 12 consisting of wherein R³ is selected from the group Claim 12



consisting of

a is an integer from 0 to 16; b is an integer	Claim 12
from 2 to 10; c is an integer from 2 to 10; d	
is an integer from 1 to 100;	
D ⁴ - 1D ⁵ - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	GI: 10
R ⁴ and R ⁵ are independently selected from	Claim 12
the group consisting of -H, and	
p9	
$-R^8-N$,	
—R°—N ;	
R ¹⁰	
R ⁸ is independently selected from	Claim 12
the group consisting of a bond and an	
alkylene having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;	
R ⁹ and R ¹⁰ are independently	
selected from the group consisting of -H,	
alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms;	
R ¹² and R ¹³ are independently	
selected from the group consisting of H and	
alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;	



	Claim 12
CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NH	
	Claim 12
c=o	
(CH ₂)t	
N	
wherein t is an integer from 2 to 10;	Claim 12
B. said monomeric unit B is selected	Claim 12
from the group consisting of:	
a monomeric unit of Formula IV	
R ²⁰	
$ \begin{array}{c c} & CH_2 & C \\ \hline & R21 \end{array} $ IV	
wherein R ²⁰ is selected from the group	
consisting of H and CH ₃ ;	



R ²¹ is selected from the group consisting	Claim 12
of:	
C=O	
Ch	
$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{CH}_2 & \operatorname{CH}_2 \\ \mid & \mid \\ \operatorname{CH}_2 & \operatorname{CH}_2 \end{array},$	
CH ₂ CH ₂	
O O	
	Claim 12
1	
O, N	
O C CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ —CH ₂	
CH ₂ —ĊH ₂	
	Claim 12
// ⁰	
—o-c CH ₃	
Cn ₃	
	Claim 12
—он ,	
·	
—c//o	
он ,	
-C $-C$ $-C$ $-C$ $-C$ $-C$ $-C$ $-C$	
Ö	
wherein e is an integer from 3 to 25;	
in the state of th	



-O-(CH₂)_f-CH₃ Claim 12 wherein f is an integer from 0 to 25; Claim 12 wherein g is an integer from 1 to 100, h is an integer from 1 to 100, R^{23} is -H, -CH₃ or -C₂H₅, R²⁴ is -CH₃ or -C₂H₅; Claim 12 wherein j is an integer from 1 to 25;



	Claim 12
C-O-(CH ₂) _k -O-c H C OH OH OH	
wherein k is an integer from 1 to 25;	
; SO ₃ H	
-NH-(CH ₂) _r -NH ₂ ·HCl, wherein r is an integer from 1 to 25; and	Claim 12
a polyhydroxy monomeric unit of Formula VI:	Claim 12
ОН ОН —О (СН — СН) w ∨I	
wherein w is an integer from 1 to 50; and	



C. monomeric unit C is selected from	Claim 12
	Claim 12
the group consisting of:	
$ \begin{array}{c} $	*
wherein R ²⁵ is -H or -CH ₃ ,	
$ \begin{array}{cccc} & \leftarrow \text{CH} & \rightarrow \text{Ox} & \text{and} & \leftarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CH} & \rightarrow \text{Ox} \\ & \leftarrow \text{O} & \leftarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CH} & \rightarrow \text{Ox} & \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CH} & \rightarrow \text{Ox} \\ & \leftarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CH} & \rightarrow \text{Ox} & \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CH} $	
wherein R ²⁶ is -H or CH ₃ , and	
x represents the total number of monomeric units	Claim 12
within the block polymer; m, n, o, when present,	
represent the mole ratio of their respective	
monomeric units in a given block polymer,	
wherein at least two different monomeric units	
are present in the block polymer.	

As all the art rejections include AU '321 it is respectfully submitted all the art rejections are overcome.

III. <u>35 USC 112</u>

The Office action asserts Claims 7 and 8 stand in wrong dependency. Applicant respectfully traverses. Claims 7 and 8 were amended by a prior amendment to depend from Claims 11 and 12. It is respectfully submitted that it is permissible to amend claims

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to have a dependent claim before its base claim. Moreover, the molecular weights of the dependent claims are narrower than those of their base claims. If Applicant has misinterpreted the Examiner's rejection she is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss this.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Abstract

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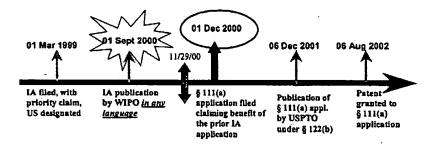
Example 9: References based on a § 111(a) Application which is a

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